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POST REQUESTS ASSISTANCE FOR OMAR BITTAR, PUBLISHER AND GENERAL MANAGER OF GAZETA MERCANTIL, BRAZIL'S MOST IMPORTANT ECONOMIC DAILY. PAPER IS OWNED BY FEDERAL DEPUTY HZRBERT LEVY, A LEADING MEMBER OF THE CHAMBER OF DEPUT'S COMMITTEE PRESENTLY INVESTIGATING MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS IN BRAZIL. BOTH BITTAR AND LEVY ARE STRONG SUPPORTERS OF PARTICIPATION FOREIGN CAPITAL IN BRAZILIAN DEVELOPMENT. BITTAR SEEKS INFORMATION TO REFUTE BRAZILIAN CRITICS OF MULTINATIONALS WHO CLAIM THAT U.S. HAS TOUGHER REGULATORY LAWS FOR COMPANIES INSIDE THE U.S. THAN DO COUNTRIES WHO RECEIVE PARTICIPATION OF AMERICAN COMPANIES IN LOCAL ECONOMY. POST BELIEVES EXTREMELY IMPORTANT OFFER FULL ASSISTANCE TO BITTAR. IN LINE HIS WISHES SUGGEST FOLLOWING CONTACTS: (1) U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO DISCUSS CORPORATE REGULATORY LAWS AND PRACTICES (2) MEETING WITH CONGRESSMAN OR SENATOR NOW CONCERNED ABOUT MULTINATIONALS. IN ADDITION, WE BELIEVE BITTAR SHOULD HAVE BRIEFING AT DEPARTMENT ON USG ATTITUDES TOWARD OVERSEAS CONDUCT OF MULTINATIONALS. BITTAR WILL BE IN WASHINGTON ON JUNE 19 AND 20. REQUEST YOU MAKE RESERVATION AT SHERATON HOTEL.

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